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Newfield Express



Hello Everyone - Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

My name is Connel. I have written the letter from the editor for this school's newsletter for this term.

We are coming to the end of 2009 and this term has been as busy and interesting as ever.

During the term we have had our Eid celebrations with stories, paintings and lots of visitors. The harvest festival was as always well attended and the pupils entertained with music and drama. We raised money for charity during our Children in Need day, selling Pudsey biscuits we played games and had fun in the hall.

Groups have been out representing the school. The choir went to a Music Festival at the MEN Arena in Manchester with thousands of other school children.

A group of students in 14 -19 department played in the Lancashire Boccia Competition at the Preston Guild Hall and Congratulations they came first!

I would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and positive New Year.
Many Thanks

Connel Orr



Eid Celebrations

Children in Need
Harvest Festival
Choir visit Jeans for Genes
Theatre production
Remembrance Day Service

Christmas Fair
Fashion Show Carol Concert

The Newfield Express News Team.



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Welcome to our Newcomers

As usual in the Autumn term there have been lots of new faces around school to get to know. We would like everyone to give a warm welcome to our newest pupils.

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Jamie Astley



Brad Brandon



Jack Cousins



Adam Davey



Louise Etherington



Zara Khurskid



Sunia Mahmood



Mariak Natha



Razina Valli

Emma
Witherington



Yasmeen Atiq



Jakera Babar



Rebecca Dempsey

Welcome also to our new staff



Carl
Wainwright



Afzal Khan



Jacqui Oldham



Naomi Smith



Gemma Eke



Nasreen Akhtar

Eid

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Eid Assembly

In October we had an Eid assembly. We enjoyed listening to Talha reading from the Qur'an. We had a visit from Anjum Anwar who talked to us and told us a story. Also we had a very special guest called Hilal who came round to see us all and delivered us some presents. At lunchtime we enjoyed some delicious food to celebrate Eid, samosas sandwiches and jelly. It was great.



We had a Eid Assembly that took place in the small hall in the morning and in the afternoon.

We had some guest speakers. Anjum Anwar and Mebz Bobae. the school choir appeared in the 2-13 and the 14-17 Eid Assembly and a number of students from the Newfield Madrassah gave readings as well.

A rapper called NAS-T appeared in the 2-13 Assembly and he played and sang one of his songs on the piano. He was really good and gave some free CD's away.

Quite a lot of parents came and everyone had a good time.

By Rebecca Harrison.

Celebration of Islamic Culture

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The week of Eid we had lots of special events to celebrate Islamic culture, including parents coming in to read traditional stories, henna hand painting, biscuit decorating, an Islamic artist and visitors from Beardwood and Pleckgate schools. It was fantastic, we learnt lots of new things and had Eid parties at the end of our special week. Thanks to all of our new friends and visitors for making it so special!



Whole School Christmas Fair.



The Christmas fair was well attended by former members of staff and the families of our students on Friday 4th December. We had the fair all up and down the corridor because we cannot use the big hall. 2-13 department joined in too with their own stalls. We sold lots of things including gifts, cakes, cards, plants books and toys as well as a tombola, teddy tombola, cupcake decorating and a tinsel tug of war! There was also a raffle. The cafe was kept really busy. Everyone worked really hard and we raised loads of money.



I have won a teddy bear on the soft toy tombola. I have bought "The SHARK Who Bit Things He Shouldn't" book from our book stall. by Alan Fisher

I liked selling books at the Christmas Fair. by Talha Patel



'A boy is born' - Post-16 Christmas Concert.

Post-16 students held their Christmas Concert on Friday 11th December. Lots of parents and friends came, here are the students own words about the concert.

'I liked it best when Razina and Shamma threw stars all over everyone!'



'A Boy is Born was a story of the Nativity, everyone in 14-19 could take part if they wanted. I decided I would rather watch.'



'There were lots of different performances, some people acted parts, some danced and some read. Alan sang a song, everyone wore costumes.'

'I was part of a dance routine it was nerve racking there were loads of people watching I made some mistakes.'



'I was part of Thriller we have practised for a long time. It was a bit hard to get everyone in time with all the moves but it was good in the end.'

'It was good, I liked the music.'



'Nursery Rhyme Nativity'

Keystage 1 & 2 Christmas Concert.

On Wednesday 9th December we held our Christmas Concert for pupils in keystages 1 and 2. Classes 1.2,3,4 and R1. entertained parents and friends with their version of "A Nursery Rhyme Nativity." The children sang and acted out a traditional nativity play

accompanied by songs set to well known nursery rhyme music. The angels and stars dazzled, the shepherds and innkeepers looked the part, the wise men were very regal and Mary and Joseph were proud

parents of the new born baby. The children worked together and the staff involved were proud of the children's performance. Mrs Cate Tindall



'The Xmas Factor'

KS3 & 4 Christmas Concert.

On Thursday 10th December we held our Christmas Concert for pupils in keystages 3 and 4. Classes 5, 6 and 7, Tutor Group 1 and R2 took part. The items in the concert included a Music Group performing It's a Magical Time. This was a percussion ensemble which has been practising at lunchtimes with Angela Bridges. There then followed a Festive Wheelchair dance to the tune of 'Sleigh Ride' which the children obviously loved being a part of if the looks of delight on their faces were anything to go by. Booster Group 4 and 5 were getting properly dressed for the

Winter weather during a lively Action Song called 'Put your coat on'. This involved the children getting dressed for a day out in the snow and was great fun. R2 then performed 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree' while putting decorations on a Christmas Tree. The last item was Tutor Group 1 performing 'Peace on Earth' and the 'The Little Drummer Boy'. This included some beautiful costumes and props as well as some lovely singing and Makaton signing. All in all it was a concert that certainly had the 'X' factor. Sheila Peers



Harvest

On the 8th of October we held harvest assemblies in the morning and afternoon.

The choir sang, The 14-19 performing arts group did a play about growing wheat and making bread which was good. Lisa Fenton in the morning and then Reverend Andrew Holliday in the afternoon came to talk to us about Harvest.

It was excellent, superb and fun!

We collected food like tins, pasta and sauces to give to the charity T.O.M.A.S. which the ARC groups put in nice boxes.

Vivienne Hoyle came to collect it all for the poor people.

At the front of the hall there was a colourful display of hay, flowers, fruit and vegetables and all the things you find at harvest time. The next day it all went round classes for the children to look at, smell and feel.

We had a wonderful time and it was the best harvest assembly ever!

By Fraaz Ahmed, Razina Valli, Tanya Wheatley & Aaron Booth.



Young Voices Manchester MEN Arena

On Monday 7th December members of Newfield School Choir traveled to Manchester to take part in "Young Voices 2009" at the Manchester Evening News Arena. The event was attended by schools from all around the north of England - in fact there were approximately 10,000 children there!

We rehearsed in the afternoon, then had our tea and in the evening we performed the songs for parents - who had to pay £18 each for the tickets! The sound we all made was terrific and it was really amazing event to be part of.

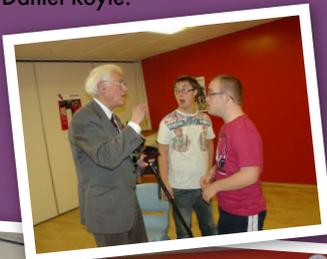
We have all asked Mrs Starkie if we can go again next year.



Remembrance Service



'Remembrance Day' is to remember the soldiers who died for their country. In classes at 11am on 11th day of 11th month we held 2 minutes silence. We also had an assembly with a 2 minute silence in the afternoon. In the assembly Mr Jack Peet, one of our governors, came to tell us about his life in the war. Daniel and Ismail read a poem called 'In Flanders fields' by Dr. John McCrae. Mel played 'Land of hope and glory' on the trumpet and then we all joined in singing. Sydra helped everyone to sign while we were singing. We sold poppies to raise money for soldiers and their families and lots of people wore them around school. By Daniel Royle.



Children in Need

On Friday November 20th we celebrated Children in Need.

We played games and had lots of fun. We sold Pudsey bear biscuits and cakes to raise money. Pudsey bear came to visit everyone. The staff had a special lunch to raise money. People paid £1 to dress up in different costumes from around the world. Some people wore blue clothes to support 'Anti bullying Week' that day too. We all got a sticker with Pudsey on it. Altogether we raised the total of £478.87. Thank you to everyone who helped us raise this money.

By Amnaa Farsi, Joey King & Kurt Parker.



Message from the Head teacher

Hello Everyone!

Despite all the building work not going to plan!.....does it ever?...the staff and pupils have still managed to carry out lots of exciting and interesting activities this term as you can see from the newsletter.

There have been some real highlights, including Islamic Culture Week and of course all the Christmas Shows.

I am really proud of all the children's achievements and how hard they have worked during all the disruption to the school

and not having both our halls. Hopefully the new pupil entrance will be finalised over the Christmas Break and will be in operation early in the Spring Term.

In the meantime, I wish you a Happy Christmas and holiday and look forward to seeing you all again the New Year!

Best Wishes



Fashion Show

Over a hundred ladies attended the fashion show in October which was organised by the Parent's Group.

The clothes were provided by Bilques, a fashion designer from Leicester. The audience were also treated to a lively display of Eastern Belly dancing by Jane and her colourful ladies. The clothes were modelled by staff and they were

ably assisted by two students Razina and Rebecca who stole the show and who not shy at all.

The card and cake stall, jewellery and henna painting contributed to raising four hundred pounds.

The evening was greatly enjoyed by all who came.

Mrs Kathy Warman.



Goodbye, Good Luck & Happy Retirement!

At the end of this Autumn term we are saying goodbye to two of our teachers, a nursery nurse and a lunchtime welfare assistant, who are all retiring.

We will really miss Mrs. Shirley North, Mrs. Janet James, Mrs. Shamim Mohammed and Mrs. Irene Oddie. Thanks very much to all of them for all their hard work teaching us, helping us and looking after us for so long. We wish them long and happy retirements and hope that they visit us sometimes.

Mrs James

Mrs Mohammed
Mrs Oddie **MRS NORTH**

Important Dates:

Christmas Holiday

School Closes:
Friday 18th December 2009

School re-opens:
Tuesday 5th January 2010

Half Term

School Closes:
Friday 12th February 2010

School re-opens:
Monday 22nd February 2010



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